

Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza, commander, I Corps, and Maj. Gen. Bambang Hariyanto, commander, 2nd Kostrad Infantry Division of the Tentara Nasional Indonesia, inspect the formation during the opening ceremony of Garuda Shield 14 at the parade square of Dodiklatpur, Asem Bagus, Indonesia, Sept. 1.



Garuda Shield 14 begins in East Java, Indonesia

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ASEM BAGUS, Indonesia — Soldiers with the Tentara Nasional Indonesia Army (TNI-AD) and U.S. Army stood side-by-side on the parade square of Dodiklatpur, here, Sept. 1, in an opening ceremony to officially mark the beginning of the 8th annual exercise Garuda Shield.

Garuda Shield is a regularly scheduled bilateral exercise sponsored by U.S. Army-Pacific, hosted annually by the TNI to promote regional security and cooperation.

“Bilateral exercises, such as this one, broaden our knowledge and understanding of each other and build stronger bonds,” said Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza, commander, U.S. Army I Corps, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington.

Soldiers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, out of JBLM; the 29th Inf. BCT, Hawaii Army National Guard; and the 25th Combat Aviation Bde., 25th ID, will train alongside soldiers of the TNI 2nd Kostrad (Komando Cadangan Strategis Angkatan Darat) Inf. Div. for a monthlong exercise to foster cooperation and understanding.

“Through this activity, both armies will be able to take great benefit for unit development in doctrine, organization, tactics and in military techniques,” said TNI Maj. Gen. Bambang Hariyanto, commander, 2nd Kostrad Inf. Div.

During Garuda Shield, Soldiers with both militaries will conduct a series of bilateral military partnership and training events on peace support operations, to include a computer-simulated command post exercise, a jungle field training exercise, combat vehicle and aviation training, and a combined arms live-fire exercise.

SDDC working to resolve shipping issues

U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND
DOD News

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Illinois — U.S. Transportation Command’s Privately Owned Vehicle Fusion Cell has recognized POV deliveries are improving, based on site surveys and a sampling of shipment records.

Representatives from International Auto Logistics (IAL), Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SSDC), Army transportation brigades and USTRANSCOM completed the site surveys in August at vehicle processing centers and vehicle staging facilities worldwide and identified potential weaknesses in IAL’s supply chain.

IAL and SSDC representatives also took a random sample of records for vehicles turned in and delivered in August to evaluate improvements to the system.

“The surveys and sampling were successful in helping to validate inventories and validate supply chain constraints,” said Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Guemmer, who leads the POV Fusion Cell.

“USTRANSCOM absolutely needed to take this approach as part of our continued contract oversight and to reinforce our commitment to service members and their families; we are doing our job, not IAL’s.”

Guemmer noted on-time delivery improved dramatically in August, based on a random sample of 500 vehicles turned in by service members since Aug. 1. The sample was drawn from inventoried vehicles, with more than 95 percent of the sample delivered on time. However, Guemmer is quick to caution this improved on-time delivery rate is only for vehicles turned in after Aug. 1.

“That said, and to be candid, the on-time delivery rate for vehicles through July was

completely unacceptable,” said Guemmer.

Federal acquisition regulations restrict USTRANSCOM from releasing specific contract performance data.

On-time delivery rates for vehicles scheduled for delivery in September or later cannot yet be determined.

bers are experiencing challenges contacting IAL, Guemmer said one positive note is IAL’s willingness to pay service member claims quickly.

“They are living up to their promise and liability by making good-faith efforts to resolve service member claims for compensation quickly, well before the 90 days required under the contract,” he said. “We will continue to work with IAL to provide timely support to service members who have been inconvenienced in this process.”

Guemmer said that service members need to be aware of their entitlements to compensation under the contract for rental cars or inconvenience.

For vehicles overdue fewer than seven days, the first step is for military members to contact the local Personal Property, Personnel Support Detachment or Finance Office. Regulations cap reimbursement at \$30 daily.

If rental car rates exceed \$30 a day for days one through seven, an inconvenience claim can be submitted to IAL that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for possible payment. DOD civilians can get rental car reimbursement by filing an inconvenience claim with IAL, since they do not have same entitlement under the travel regulations.

“Commitment to our people is job one. Service members want vehicles delivered on-time and without damage, but when that doesn’t happen, they deserve answers and they deserve to be fairly compensated,” said Guemmer. “We approach each service member’s concern as though it came from our own family.”

YOUR VEHICLE IS OUR VEHICLE!
IF YOU SHIPPED YOUR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE (POV) AND IT HAS BEEN DELAYED:

DELAYED? Less than 7 days Please contact your local Finance Office/Personal Support Detachment or Personnel Property Office for reimbursement of rental car expense, not to exceed \$30 per day.	More than 7 days Contact International Auto Logistics (IAL) TO FILE AN INCONVENIENCE CLAIM.
DAMAGED? PLEASE CONTACT IAL TO FILE A DAMAGE CLAIM.	TOLL FREE: (855) 389-9499 EMAIL: claims@ialpov.us CUSTOMER SERVICE EMAIL: customerservice@ialpov.us
NEED HELP? CONTACT IAL CUSTOMER SERVICE	Frequently Asked Questions are available at: WWW.PCSMYPPOV.COM

ALSO
Contracting Office Representatives (COR) found at each Vehicle Processing Center can help...
along with the USTRANSCOM POV Inspector General Customer Support Team who can be reached via email at: usarmy.sddc.odd.cmla.gov-usrgpoenormail.mil

TOGETHER, WE DELIVER
Source: U.S. Transportation Command Public Affairs | www.transportation.mil

U.S. Transportation Command graphic

SSDC is the POV program manager and TRANSCOM is the global POV contract administrator. These two commands work closely together in managing and monitoring this critical quality of life contract. This chart shows contact information for customers who are having issues involved with shipping their POV.

IAL reports that within the supply chain of the 31,528 vehicles that have entered the system, 13,760 have been delivered with an additional 2,350 ready for pick up at Vehicle Processing Centers.

The increased volume of deliveries in August also indicates IAL has more reliable data tracking and that they have improved their customs clearance procedures, according to Guemmer. The rate of vehicle delivery in August was nearly three times higher than the rate of delivery in previous months.

While acknowledging some service mem-

BOP application deadline nearing

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Deadlines are coming up quickly for qualified Soldiers to apply for next year’s Army’s Broadening Opportunity Program (BOP).

The first deadline is next month. For those who apply, “it’s an opportunity of a lifetime for the Army’s best Soldiers to get even better,” said program manager Joel Strout.

Soldiers can apply now for Broadening Opportunity education programs.

By better, he explained that Soldiers will get “unique experiences they can’t get anywhere else inside the military — opportunities to work within interagency departments like the FBI, CIA, State Department, Homeland Security and so on.”

Some of the programs even involve travel overseas, where Soldiers can get intercultural assignments that will broaden their horizons and ultimately help the Army. Other assignments involve experience in the commercial sector or in the legislative or executive branches of government.

Cutting-edge graduate degrees in cybersecurity and antiterrorism are offered, along with other sought-after degrees, such as business administration and public administration. These degrees are from top-tier universities like Harvard, he added.

If that weren’t enough, Soldiers can take their families with them to school and the follow-on assignment, all the while getting full pay and allowances, while not accruing any college debt, since everything is fully funded.

“That’s a real important consideration as the cost of education around the country be-

USAG-HI uses multiple emergency alert systems

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — If there is an emergency situation on post, do you know where to go to get more information?

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii has a variety of options for Soldiers, families and Department of the Army civilians to obtain updated information, as it becomes available.

Alert systems will overlap to ensure the impacted audience receives the emergency and safety messages.

Alerts for on-post personnel — anyone who lives or works on any Army installation on Oahu — may include man-made or natural threats, disasters and hazards; traffic accidents causing gate or road closures; and unscheduled power and water outages.

Messages may include actions to take, if any, like to shelter in place, evacuate, avoid the area or contact the military police with or for more information.

“Ensuring community safety is a top priority,” said Col. Richard Fromm, commander, USAG-HI. “If there is an incident that individuals need to be aware of to maintain their safety or to take immediate action, we will communicate that situation as soon as information is available.

“Personnel should follow official directions, like shelter in place, evacuate or avoid the area, without hesitation or question,” he said.

On-Post Alerts

Individuals should visit either www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil or www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com, and click on the link on the right side of the screen titled “On-Post Alerts,” which has a photo of a red warning light.

On-Post Alerts

Alerts posted in this venue will contain information about unscheduled power or water outages, and dangerous or emergency situations on the installation.

Nixle

Nixle is a free-to-use system where users

See ALERT A-4

More Info

Every household should have an emergency preparedness kit that provides each family member with at least three days worth of food and water.

For additional resources and information, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil and click on “Staying Safe” and “Emergency Management.”

Messages 888-777

US ARMY GARRISON:
Army releasing personnel, posting closures
www.nixle.us/8GC32
Reply with a friends # to forward

US ARMY GARRISON:
Select Army Safe Havens
Opening at 6 p.m.
www.nixle.us/8GC4C
Reply with a friends # to forward

Here’s an example of alert messages on social media.

See BOP A-4

Broadening Opportunity Program Deadlines

- Oct. 27, White House Fellowship. See MILPER message 14-245.
- Nov. 3, Chief of Staff, Strategic Studies Group. See MILPER message 14-242.
- Nov. 21, British Advanced Command and Staff Course. See MILPER message 14-240.
- Dec. 30, All other programs.

More information can be found in MILPER message 14-246. Complete information can be found at www.hrc.army.mil/bop. The most common question Soldiers ask is about waivers.



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Police Call

Rules of the road govern driving, parking

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Driving on the garrison is a privilege granted by the garrison commander.

Drivers must possess a valid driver's license while driving. Incoming personnel are required to register privately owned vehicles through the Hawaii Department of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the vehicle's arrival on island, according to garrison policy.

State vehicle registration requires annual renewal. All vehicles in Hawaii must also have annual safety inspections from a state-sponsored inspection site and display the appropriate sticker.

Aside from administrative requirements, personnel must follow local and state regulations, including U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii policy memorandums 14 and 16, for driving motor vehicles. Failure to comply with regulations puts drivers at risk of being cited and/or having their on-post driving privileges suspended.

The garrison commander, through the Community Compliance Office, has issued 237 driving suspensions this year alone. Suspensions vary from 14 days to five years, based on the offense. For a list of infractions that can result in suspended

on-post driving privileges, reference USAG-HI Policy Memorandum 16, Annex A.

Suspensions include parking violations in addition to moving violations.

Since January, Military Police patrols have written 683 citations for parking infractions.

One common violation occurs when individuals attempt to sell vehicles in unauthorized parking lots. There is only one Resale Lot across USAG-HI where owners are authorized to place their vehicles on sale. The Resale Lot is located on Wheeler Army Airfield adjacent to Kawamura Gate.



Miller



File photo

Don't let your driving privileges be suspended for expired tags.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

What keeps anyone stuck in bad stuff

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What keeps us stuck in bad circumstances? Whether it's a bad job, financial problems, addictions, unhealthy relationships or even something as minor as a bad attitude, it can often seem like there's nothing we can do to pull ourselves out of it.

Have you ever felt powerless in the face of situations like these? And is there something you could be doing differently to change your life, even when circumstances seem unchangeable?

There are five habits we need to quit in order to make change in our lives.

1. Giving in to compulsions. Compulsions are decisions we make without thinking. These are the things we know aren't good for us, and if we stopped to think about them for a second, we wouldn't do them.

But we don't stop to think about them, so we do them anyway. When we give in to these compulsions over and over, we're sacrificing our power to change our situation.

2. Saying "yes" when you mean "no." Any time we say yes when we really mean no, whether it's to an addiction, an obligation, a function, a committee, a nonprofit, an event, a good cause or a bad habit, we give away a little bit of the power we have to shape the life we want.

Are you saying yes when you should be saying no?

3. Taking the easy way out. Every time we take the easy way out. The easy way out is never as easy as we want. If there's some unresolved tension or conflict in your life, it may be hard to work it out, but it's worth it to resolve a problem and move forward in your life.

Listen to the Spirit's prodding. If there's a tension God is asking you to work through, do the hard work of working through it.

4. Worrying about others more than yourself. Thinking too much about what matters to others and not enough about our own wants, needs, thoughts and ideas can sacrifice an important part of ourselves. There's nothing wrong with caring for others. But if we care for others at the expense of caring for ourselves, we sacrifice the power we've been given to shape our lives and ourselves.

Of course, the pendulum can swing the other way where we think too much of ourselves and not enough of others. Balance is key.

5. Living in fear rather than love. Fear steals our ability to love, and that steals our ability to take control of our own circumstances. Anytime we surrender to the notion that we have no power, we abandon the great power we have.

Is there something in your life that you think is unchangeable? A good place to start would be in prayer. Then, take steps of faith and start living in love rather than fear, and begin to do the hard work that may be necessary to make change in your life.

(Editor's note: The five habits listed in this story come from the article "The Real Reason You Feel Powerless to Change Your Life" by Allison Vesterfelt.)



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Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

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The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

SJA posts courts-martial results

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, publishes the results of the following recent courts-martial:

•A staff sergeant from Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Inf. Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, was found guilty of two specifications of attempted wrongful disposition of military property, one specification of conspiracy to wrongfully dispose of military property, one specification of wrongful disposition of military property, and one specification of false official statement.

The staff sergeant was sentenced to reduction to private, confinement for 30 days and a bad conduct discharge.

•A sergeant from Co. F, 2-27th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, was found guilty of one specification of wrongful disposition of military property and one specification of false official statement.

The sergeant was sentenced to reduction to private first class and confinement for four months.

•A specialist from Battery G, 3-7th Field Artillery Regt., 3rd BCT, was found guilty of two specifications of AWOL, one specification

of wrongful use of marijuana, one specification of wrongful possession of marijuana, one specification of wrongful possession of drug paraphernalia, and one specification of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer.

The specialist was sentenced to reduction to private, confinement for eight months and a bad conduct discharge

•A specialist from Co. A, 1-21st Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, was found guilty of one specification of aggravated assault with means likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm and one specification of assault consummated by a battery.

The specialist was sentenced to 30 months confinement, reduction to private, total forfeitures and a bad conduct discharge.

Federal Convictions

In addition to forfeiture of pay, confinement and a punitive discharge, a Soldier will also have a federal conviction that the Soldier must report when filling out a job application.

A federal conviction strips a Soldier of many rights, such as the right to purchase and maintain firearms and voting.

COMBINED
FEDERAL
CAMPAIGN

The Combined Federal Campaign began Monday, continuing until Dec. 15. It is the biggest and most successful donation program.

Prepared for a Hurricane?

Several hurricanes veered away from most of Hawaii last month.

- Were you prepared?
- Did you have supplies and medicines stocked?
- Do you and your family know what to do?

Voices of Ohana

Citizenship Day is Sept. 17.

“What makes you proud to be an American?”

Photos by 599th Transportation Brigade Public Affairs

“Our values of dedication, hard work, honor, self sacrifice, perseverance and courage.”

Arnel Delosa
Logistics specialist,
599th Trans. Bde.

“The freedom of women. After having been to Iraq and Afghanistan, I appreciate it even more.”

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Dixon
Terminals NCOIC,
599th Trans. Bde.

“Rights. I have a choice, and I can make decisions, unlike some other countries where people are restricted.”

Sgt. 1st Class Paula Henderson
First sergeant, HHD,
599th Trans. Bde.

“The freedom to change the life we want to live, as well as the willingness and ability to help others at home and around the world.”

Amy Nowak
SHARP victim advocate,
599th Trans. Bde.

“I think most people are proud to be Americans because it's a free country based on the laws of the land.”

Fred Vandersys
USPACOM liaison,
599th Trans. Bde.

Real heroes don't wear capes

Alert Bronco medic reacts to emergency, helps save a life

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — It was a typical Hawaiian Sunday morning on Oahu, rainy, cloudy and humid, as tragedy struck one of the approximately 1,200 participants running the Boca Hawaii Norman Tamanaha 15K in Honolulu, Aug. 24.

After finishing the race, Spc. John Schoebel, medic, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Inf. Div., heard cries for help and noticed a fellow competitor unconscious a few feet from the finish line.

He was concerned that, without proper treatment, the situation could turn dire in moments.

“When I first saw the (patient) lying on the ground, I could see her skin and lips looked grayish blue ... right away, I jumped over the gate to assist her, said Schoebel. “I reacted immediately and assessed that the casualty had no pulse and wasn't breathing.”

“There’s times when you’re nervous, thinking you will forget some of your training, but when a real-world situation happens, it’s all there, and you just react.”



— **Spc. John Schoebel**
Co. B, 2-35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID

With the help of two bystanders, Schoebel performed CPR until an automated external defibrillator was used. After the initial shock, the patient regained consciousness, and Schoebel continued to provide treatment until the paramedics arrived.

“Honestly, when I heard the call for 911, helping was just an instant reaction,” said Schoebel. “The Army trained me to be that way.”

Schoebel was presented the Army Commendation Medal for his lifesaving contributions.



Real heroes don't wear capes. Instead, they live and train for days like that Sunday, when unexpected and unfortunate events materialize, for days when men and women of action are called upon to save or protect lives. “When someone needs help like that, I could never live with myself if I just sat there and did nothing,” said Schoebel. “There’s times when you’re nervous, thinking you will forget some of your training, but when a real-world situation happens, it’s all there, and you just react.”



Sgt. James Allen, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

Spc. John Schoebel (right), company medic, Co. B, 2-35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, receives the Army Commendation Medal, Aug. 24, for his actions in saving a life while off duty.

Deadline approaches to complete military workplace survey

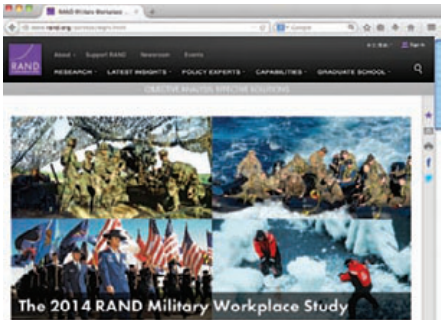
DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY
News Release

FORT MEADE, Maryland — Soldiers asked to participate in a workplace survey over the next couple of weeks should take a few minutes to complete it, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno.

“This volunteer survey is short, and it is important,” Odierno said in a letter to Soldiers selected to participate in the RAND study.

“This survey is critical to the Army’s efforts to monitor its performance over time, and to develop policies that improve the safety of our Soldiers,” said Odierno.

About 580,000 service members (including Reservists and Guardsmen) received emails or letters inviting them to participate in the first RAND Military Workplace Study, Defense Department officials said. Active and reserve com-



ponent members in all military branches and the Coast Guard are being invited to participate.

“The survey is unprecedented in its scale and will influence policies that affect everyone in the services,” Defense officials said.

The survey is voluntary and confidential. No one at the DOD will ever see how an indi-

vidual service member responds, officials stressed.

“No service member may be ordered or pressured to complete the survey or not to complete it,” officials said.

However, Odierno also asked that leaders provide Soldiers an opportunity to complete the survey. He said it could be completed using a government computer during duty hours, answered on a home computer or even a smart phone.

Survey

The Military Workplace Study is being conducted independently of the DOD by experts at the nonprofit, nonpartisan RAND Corporation.

The confidential and voluntary survey must be completed by any service member

by Sept. 30.

Results will be presented to President Barack Obama this fall, and a full report of the RAND findings will be available to the public in May.

Visit <http://1.usa.gov/1whddHj>.

Survey respondents can forward the survey to their personal email addresses, and they can complete it whenever they have an opportunity.

The study will help commanders at all levels evaluate current military workplace relations, professionalism and personal safety, officials said. It will have important implications for how the military operates.

It can have implications on military training, justice and services.



Signal marks 154 years of excellence

Story and photo by
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311th Signal Command (Theater)

FORT SHAFTER — Signaleers from around the world converged on Oahu to share best practices and commemorate the 154th birthday of the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps during Signal Week, Sept. 2-5.

“This is your forum and your Army, so please talk amongst yourselves and make the most of our time gathered here,” said Maj. Gen. Lawrence W. Brock III, commander, 311th Signal Command (Theater). “We are communicators by trade, so let’s talk this week.”

The annual two-day Communicators Forum capstone event of the week was conducted for the first time this year as a joint event, to include information managers from across the Department of Defense. Civilian communicators, senior enlisted leaders and commissioned officers collaborated and received updates on the integral role the Army Signal mission plays in cyber defense.

“For those of us in the Signal and communications world, especially here in the Pacific, NETCOM is who we turn to, for everything,” said Brock. “The decisions we make here will affect each one of you down the road. Know your network.”

“I’ve been focusing most of my time on operationalizing NETCOM, and posturing us to delivering a truly global network,” said Maj. Gen. John B. Morrison Jr., commander, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command and deputy commander, U.S. Army Cyber Command, Signal Center of Excellence. “We are modernizing our network in partnership with Defense Information Systems Agency and the Air Force for the joint community. This is something completely different than we’ve ever done, and it will really change networks. Coming soon to a theater near you — an



(From left) Command Sgt. Maj Darris Curry, 311th SC(T); Maj. Gen. Lawrence W. Brock, 311th SC(T) and the oldest Signaleer in attendance; Pvt. 2 Derrice Robinson, 516th Sig. Bde. and the youngest Signaleer in attendance; Maj Gen John B. Morrison Jr., NETCOM; and Command Sgt. Maj. Stephfon Watson, NETCOM, cut the cake to celebrate Signal’s 154th birthday.

inherently joint construct that operates in a joint, global context!”

Morrison said that as the Signal Command modernizes, it’s also working hard on establishing standards across all theaters, because each unique theater may experience “tyranny of distance” challenges.

“Our basic 101 of communications, even if we’re on a coalition network, are still the same,” said Morrison. “We need to focus on operating and talking the same, early and often, so as we make that turn into this joint context, it will be much easier.”

Signal Week finished with the award presentations at the Signal Ball, Friday. Attendees cheered on their battle buddies participating in

an interactive Tahitian dance performance by the Hawaiian Hula Company, and the traditional cake cutting ceremony was performed by Morrison and the youngest Signaleer in attendance.

“When folks ask me what is Signal’s participation in cyber defense, I tell them that there is no cyber without Signal,” said Morrison, speaking about the importance of the Signal mission in the Pacific. “A majority of ‘big Army’ discussions, right now, are focused on what we do. There is a growing recognition among our senior leaders, on how important providing and protecting the network is, to allow the Army to operate as it gets smaller, and look at how to best rebalance the force.”

BOP: Officers and NCOs may apply

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comes less and less affordable for many people,” Strout said.

Finally, completing a BOP assignment will be a good plus in an individual’s development as an Army strategic leader and in life after the Army. And, while in the program, Soldiers will have the opportunity to network with other professionals.

The most important thing to do right now is to go over each of the program offerings, read the Military Personnel (MILPER) messages thoroughly and get started on the application process, Strout said. Essays and letters of recommendation are required for all programs.

The BOP is offered to staff sergeants through command sergeants major, chief warrant officer 2 to 5, and captains to lieutenant colonels, depending on the specific program.

Selected officers need to be comfortable routinely interacting with very senior officials within the interagency community. Participating agencies are the departments of Commerce, State, Homeland Security, Energy; CIA; FBI; National Security Agency; Office of Management and Budget; and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.



Alert: Multiple alert options available

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opt in to receive texts or emails about situations on post from “U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Emergency Response.”

“Alerts” are for emergency situations and “advisories” are for incidents like gate impacts.

To sign up, do one of the following:

- Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil, fill

out the form and click submit.

- Visit www.nixle.com. Add 96857 as the zip code of alerts you would like to receive.

- Text 96857 to 888777.

Alerts are at [http://local.nixle.com / us-army-garrison-hawaii-emergency-response](http://local.nixle.com/us-army-garrison-hawaii-emergency-response).

Social Media

Several official social media outlets are used to

share USAG-HI messages during emergency situations and unscheduled events like closures and outages:

- USAG’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii and www.twitter.com/usaghawaii;

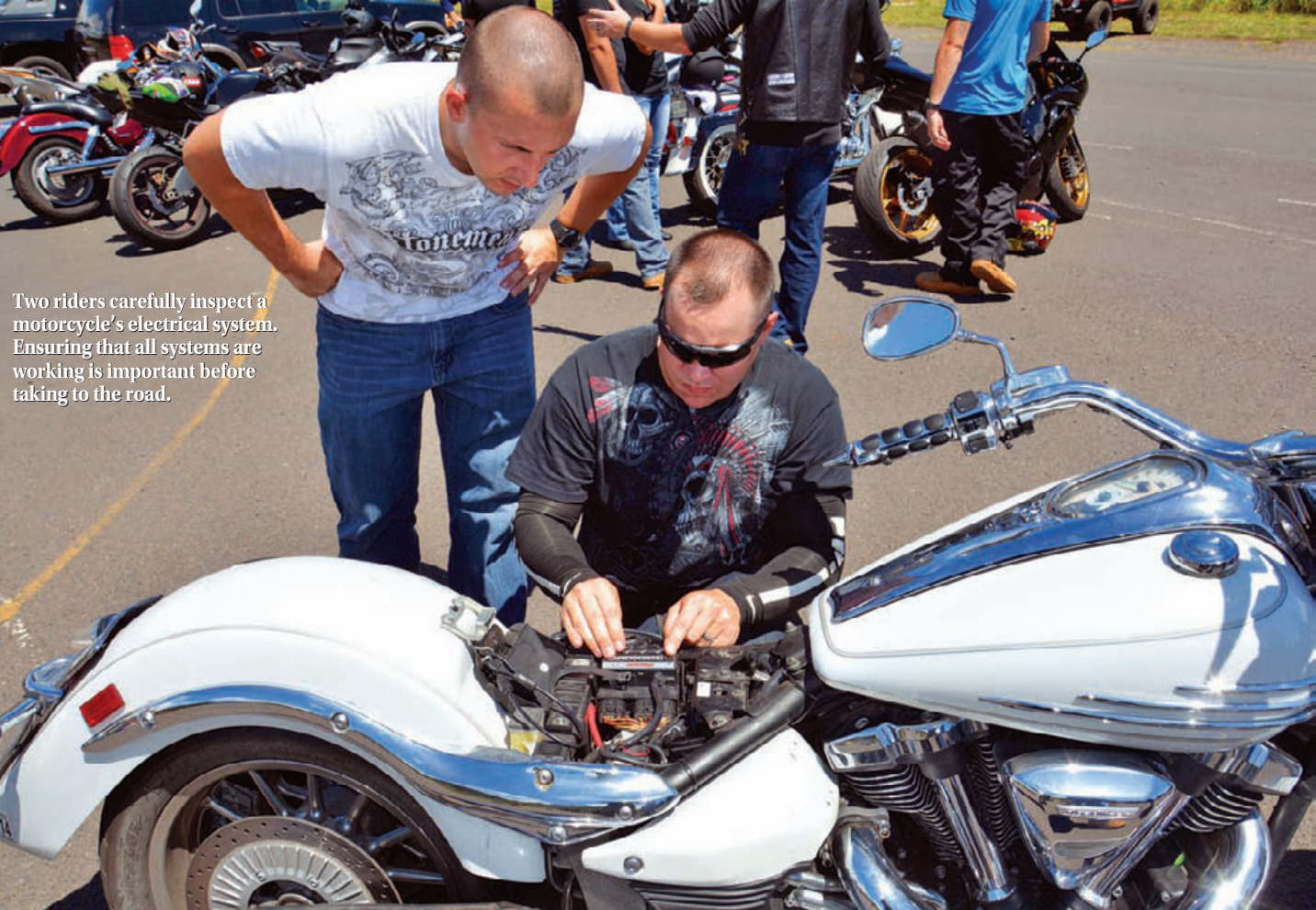
- Directorate of Emergency Services, at www.facebook.com/DES.USAG.HI and www.twitter.com/USAG_HI_DES; and

- Island Palm Communities, at www.facebook.com/islandpalmcommunities.

Additional Measures

Depending on the situation, additional venues may be employed to alert and advise on-post personnel, like Military Police patrols, emails, the “Big Voice” at Schofield, Wheeler and Fort Shafter, and IPC’s CallMax phone system.





Two riders carefully inspect a motorcycle’s electrical system. Ensuring that all systems are working is important before taking to the road.

2nd SBCT motorcyclists ride for safety

Story and photos by
STAFF SGT. CARLOS R. DAVIS
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs
25th Infantry Division

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — On average, the Army loses the equivalent of a company formation in off-duty accidents each year.

These tragic deaths affect a unit’s combat readiness.

Ensuring awareness and appropriate safety measures in off-duty activities can preserve lives of Soldiers and their family members.

As part of the Army Safety Program, units within the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, participated in a motorcycle safety check ride, here, Friday.

“We are here to promote motorcycle safety and motorcycle awareness, to correct bad habits, and to ensure everyone is current on their credentials,” said Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Chavez, brigade provost marshal noncommissioned officer.

The training was conducted to increase a motorcycle rider’s proficiency and educate Soldiers on measures designed to minimize preventable

accidents.

Units conducted training on the application of composite risk management, practiced defensive driving and motorcycle safety and reviewed the current policy on motorcycle requirements for Soldiers.

“Conducting motorcycle safety training helps leaders engage their Soldiers, civilians and family members on risk and risk management,” said Chavez. “Engagement and vigilance are the keys to reducing on and off duty accidents.”

A good motorcycle safety program is about discipline and good guidance, according to Sgt. Brandon J. Chretien, Company B, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd SBCT.

“It is important everyone understands and identifies hazards that will affect the readiness of a unit,” said Chretien. “Enforcing policies that are put in place will protect Soldiers and minimize accidents.”

Right —Soldiers assigned to 2nd SBCT, perform a motorcycle safety check at Wheeler Gulch, Sept. 5, before saddling up.



Law degree is available

STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
News Release

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army’s Funded Legal Education Program.

Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2015 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, Army Regulation 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General’s Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer’s branch manager at Army Human Resources Command.

Send the original application to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-Rm 28517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, to be received by Nov. 1

Submission well in advance of the deadline is advised.

More Info
On Oahu, interested officers should call 655-8743.



NEWS Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

13 / Saturday
RAD — The Schofield Barracks 2014 Retiree Appreciation Day takes place at the Nehelani, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Soldiers attending in uniform are advised to wear ACUs. Call the Retirement Services Office, 655-1585, for more details.

23 / Tuesday
Shafter Blood Drive — The blood collected, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the 205th Military Intelligence Battalion (Bldg. 520) will support Tripler Army Medical Center needs, as well as weekly shipments to Afghanistan. All blood types

needed, especially O negative.
Before you donate, drink lots of water, have a good breakfast, eat iron-rich foods and check your donor eligibility for medical/malaria risks. Call 433-6699 or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil/Hawaii.

24 / Wednesday
Hispanic Heritage — Beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team’s Warrior Inn (Bldg. 2085, Aleshire Ave.) is the first of several themed meals to promote awareness, mutual respect and understanding of cultural foods for Hispanic Heritage Month, with educational displays, videos, artifacts and handouts. Special meals will also be served Oct. 1 and 8, with the formal observation on Oct. 15. Call 655-4299

26 / Friday
MP Ball — Attend the 73rd Military Police Anniversary Ball, 5 p.m., at the Sheraton Hotel in Waikiki Beach. Call 655-6812 for tickets and details.

29 / Monday
Fall Cleanup — A weeklong fall cleanup campaign begins for Schofield

Barracks/Wheeler Army Airfield. All units, individual Soldiers, Army civilians and family members will be involved. Call 655-1750.

October 3 / Friday
HSO Closed — The Shafter Housing Services Office closes, reopening Oct. 8. The Schofield HSO (Bldg. 950, 215 Duck Road) will remain open to assist. Call 655-3073.

4 / Saturday
Flu Fighters — It’s flu season once again and it’s time to get immunized. Tripler Family Medicine enrollees (6 months of age or older) may visit the Family Medicine Clinic, 8 a.m.-noon, and again, Oct. 18, for their annual flu shot.
Protect yourself and everyone around you. Fight the flu!

For an up-to-date list of Army traffic advisories, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm. Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are 808 area code.

Today
TAMC Traffic — Afternoon two-lane outbound traffic starts from the traffic board on Krukowski Road (adjacent to Bldg. 160), weekdays, 2-5 p.m. Vehicles must stay in the right lane prior to the traffic board. Vehicles from side streets are still allowed to travel northeast on Krukowski to return to the hospital or outlying buildings. Call 433-1111.

18 / Thursday
Bridgework — HDOT plans to repair and repaint the Karsten Thot Bridge on Kamehameha Highway (north of Wahiawa.) Work will generally involve repair of

deteriorated steel bridge framing and connections, railings, and repainting of the steel bridge. Night work is required to minimize disruption to traffic.
HDOT invites you to attend a public informational meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Hale Hookipa multipurpose room at Wahiawa District Park, 1139A Kilani Ave., Wahiawa, for an overview of work required, construction information and schedule, followed by a Q&A session. Call 692-7581.

22 / Monday
AMR Gate — The second phase of Aliamanu Military Reservation’s front gate construction will begin today, followed by a 24-hour road closure, Sept. 24-Oct. 6.

25 / Thursday
Water Line Repair — A water outage is scheduled during working hours on Sept. 25, as part of a maintenance project to repair the Fort Shafter pump house, Bldg. 905, and associated water lines that began Sept. 2 and will continue until Nov. 10.

Watch for the usual signage and cones, and exercise cautious driving on Rice Street and Hase Road.
The water outage won’t affect residents

or community, and the project won’t require a road closure, and vehicles will be allowed to drive in both directions.

26 / Friday
Lyman and Mellichamp — Stage I of work that occupied the west side of Schofield’s Lyman Road to Mellichamp Road, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., is scheduled to be completed, today, and the closed lane reopens for traffic.

October 10 / Friday
Kahauiki Kointinues — Intermittent, hourlong full-bridge closures take place, today, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and again on Oct. 11, 13 and Nov. 10. Lane closures will be 24 hours a day through Nov. 10. Closures start at Funston Road and Kahauiki Stream Bridge, ending at the intersection of Annex Road and Kahauiki Stream Bridge.

14 / Tuesday
Modified Traffic Flow — There will be road closure at Schofield’s Aleshire Avenue, near Bldgs. 2027 and 2087, for utility installation. Traffic will be redirected to alternate routes until Oct. 29.

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Photo courtesy Hawaii State Department of Education

A key component of academic success is making sure students' *okole* are in their seats every school day.

Absenteeism plummets 39 percent in public schools

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
News Release

HONOLULU — Hawaii's public elementary schools have made significant headway in reducing the number of students chronically absent, a strong predictor of academic success, according to the Hawaii State Department of Education 2013-14 Strive HI Performance System results.

Chronic absenteeism is one of the most powerful predictors of student success, even accounting for other factors, such as poverty and disability.

Curbing chronic absenteeism is a key focus of the Strive HI Performance System, which supports schools' progress based on multiple, research-based indicators.

The percentage of students absent 15 days or more in the 2013-14 school year dropped to 11 percent from 18 percent a year ago. The seven-point drop boosts the prospect for achievement in other performance areas — including proficiency and graduation — for more than 5,500 students statewide.

"During a year of tremendous change in our public schools, it is clear that our students and staff continue to answer the call to strive higher at every level," said Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi. "The data shows some clear bright spots, as well as some things we need to continue to work on.

"I want to thank our principals, teachers, staff and students for all of the efforts put forward to raise awareness about the importance of attendance," said Matayoshi. "It's not just about showing up for class; it's about laying the educational foundation for student success."

Launched in the 2012-13 school year, Strive HI replaced outdated aspects of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, which looked only at reading and math scores to impose strict consequences to schools.

Among the most improved highest scorers for 2013-2014 were Helemano Elementary.

"The significant reductions in chronic absenteeism show schools are doing a better job at making instruction more engaging and interesting," said Deputy Superintendent Ronn Nozoe. "They are to be commended for working with families and community partners to provide wrap-around services to address attendance barriers, like

health and transportation issues, intervening with at-risk students based on data and improving school culture.

"Research shows that when a leading indicator like chronic absenteeism improves, it's a good sign that improvements in grades, graduation rates and college-going rates will follow," Nozoe added.

Also, 14 schools met the Recognition School criteria for highest-performing or highest-progress schools for the first time. These schools will receive recognition and a financial reward at an event next month.

Among them, again, was Helemano Elementary.

RELATED STORY

Read about the nationally honored librarian, p. B-3.

Strive HI System Index

Review data at www.hawaiiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/AdvancingEducation/StriveHIPerformanceSystem/Pages/Strive-HI-System-Index.aspx.



Photos by Sarah Pacheco, Hawaii Army Weekly

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Leleihua Complex elementary schools recently observed Attendance Awareness Month with a poster contest that asked students to show why "Every Day in School Matters." Winners from Solomon Elementary School, here, are (from left) Paisley Dorr, first grade, lower grade winner; Meakah Nededog, fourth grade, upper grade winner; and Lannie Estrada, third grade, grand prize winner.



WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Wheeler Elementary School officials also asked students to create a poster to show why attendance is important. Winners are Matthew Oliveira (left), second grade, Stanton (not pictured), fifth grade, upper grade winner.

Kids stay in school from bell to bell

WENDY NAKASONE

School Liaison Office
Child, Youth and School Services
Directorate of Family and Morale,
Welfare and Recreation
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Our children learn every day while they are in school.

Teachers are dedicated to helping each and every student achieve academic success, and parents play an equally important role in achieving this goal as well.

Hawaii elementary public schools are required to provide a minimum of 1,525 minutes of instructional time per week, and secondary schools are now required to provide 1,650 minutes — and every minute counts.

Parents are being asked to help with this requirement by ensuring that their children are in school by the time the school bell rings in the morning until the last bell of the day. Troy Fujimoto, vice principal,

Solomon Elementary School states, "In the last couple of hours in the school day, teachers are reviewing with students key concepts covered in the day's lesson, as well as instructing students in subject matter up until the end of the school day.

"Student learning is impacted every time a teacher is interrupted by phone calls or having to get students packed up to leave early during the school day," he added. "Every minute of classroom instruction is vital to student success in school."

On average school administrators estimate that 20-40 students per day are being pulled out of school in the last couple of hours of the school day — everyday.

"Regular attendance in the class is mandatory and important for academic progress," Fujimoto explained. "Please make every attempt possible to schedule all appointments, for after-school hours or on Saturdays. Leaving school ear-

ly may mean the loss of the day's summary, confusion in homework assignments or missing important instructions."

If it is necessary to have your child released from school during the school day, complete the following:

- A doctor's appointment slip should be given to the teacher by the morning of date.
- Parents must present a picture ID and sign their child out of the front office before they are released from school.
- For student safety/security, please do not go directly to your child's classroom to pick them up.
- Only a child's parent, guardian or person designated on the child's emergency card will be allowed to pick up the child.
- A child will not be permitted to leave the school unescorted.
- Students shall not be released from school in the last hour of the school day.

2014 Federal Survey
Cards translate into \$\$\$

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE

Child, Youth and School Services
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Welfare and Recreation
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

All military families are highly encouraged to fill out the Federal Survey Cards, which students will take home from school in early September.

This card is an excellent means to support our public schools with funds to buy equipment and other school resources.

Each card is very important, as the federal government will allot funds to our schools by the amount of survey cards returned.

In the past, millions of dollars have been given to our Hawaii Department of Education because of

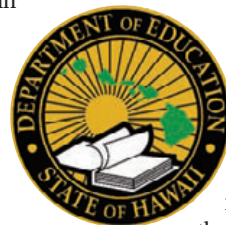
these filled cards. These survey cards determine the number of federally connected students in the public school system, here.

The Hawaii DOE will greatly benefit from these needed funds as it offsets the state taxes that are not charged on our military bases.

Non-response to these survey cards can mean loss of dollars that could be used for our thousands of students in the public schools.

Every military parent is urged to participate in the filling in of information on this survey card. These monies are the only federal education program where the funds are sent directly to the school district.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.





Briefs

Today

Zumbini — Teach your little one to soar. Zumbini is designed to let you and your little ones, ages 0 to 3 years old, wiggle, sing and learn together. Classes begin at 11 a.m. for 10 weeks (since Sept. 4) at the SB Health & Fitness Center. Cost is \$140 per person, which includes Bini Bundle Book and two CDs, a \$40 value. Cost is \$25 for the second child. Sign up, ASAP, for the demo and class. Space is limited to 10 children. Call Jennifer Russell at 594-3995.

Family Fiesta Night — Bring the family out and join the night of food and fun, along with a special guest from the ACS Health Relationships Program and a performance by the SB Youth Center dance team at CYS Services SB Youth Center. Enjoy the free taco bar, salsa bar and bingo. Event is 6-8 p.m. and free to all CYS Services registered teens and their families. Call 655-0451.

13 / Saturday

Drags n’ Drifts Car & Bike Show — Attend the fourth annual Car & Bike Show at the Tropics Recreation Center parking lot. Register your vehicle today, or stop by to admire the finest cars, trucks and bikes your community has to offer. Enjoy music, food, games and prizes. To preregister, download the registration form at www.himwr.com/images/flyers/august-2014/2014-Drags-n-Drifts-registration.pdf and bring to Tropics with your payment. Preregistration for bikes is \$10; cars and trucks, \$15; audio, \$10. Day-of-event registration for bikes is \$15; cars and trucks, \$20; audio, \$15. Open to ID cardholders and their guests. For category descriptions or other information, visit himwr.com or call 655-5698.

Adventure Hiking — Explore the beauty of the islands through a hiking excursion that is great for the whole family. Transportation is provided. Cost is \$20 per person. Call 655-0143.

17 / Wednesday

Hispanic Heritage Month — Celebrate Hispanic heritage at the FS



National Night Out

Mega events planned, tonight

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES News Release

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Come and celebrate the annual National Night Out with Island Palm Communities, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and the Directorate of Emergency Services at Wheeler Community Center, here, Sept. 12. National Night Out has been held across the country for 31 years to heighten safety awareness, to promote police-community partnerships and crime prevention, and to bring communities together. This year, we’re kicking it off with a superhero parade around the community center that beings at 4:30 p.m. After the parade, check out all of the cool safety ex-

hibits and fun activities, to include face painting, glitter tattoos, balloon twisting and bouncy houses. Parents, get your children’s fingerprints taken at the Keiki ID booth. Bring your bikes and helmets and take a ride through the DES Bike Patrol rodeo course. There also will be demonstrations from the Federal fire fighters, Military Police and K-9 units; lessons on ocean and pool safety; information from Neighborhood Watch; and a meet-and-greet with McGruff the Crime Dog and Eddie the Eagle. Make sure to bring your blankets and chairs for a family movie on the lawn. (Movie to be determined.) Join us for a fun evening with family, friends and neighbors!

Sept 12

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wheeler Community Center
100 Vought Ave.
Wheeler Army Airfield

library from 3-3:45 p.m. Make an individual-sized piñata to fill with goodies, then try to break it, or just open it gently to retrieve the surprises inside. This event is free, and all supplies will be provided. Call 438-9521.

Sharks and Rays — Learn about sharks and rays from a Sea Life Park expert at SB’s Sgt. Yano Library. Explore the differences between sharks and rays and learn the truth about some common misconceptions about these amazing animals. Event is free, with no registration required. Begins at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 6 and up. Call 655-8002.

18 / Thursday

Bouldering 101 — Overcome any route and improve your overall climbing abilities with Outdoor Recreation’s Boulding 101. Open to patrons ages 10 and over;

classes are at the SB Health and Fitness Center 1:30-3 p.m., Sept. 18, and 5:30-7 p.m., Sept. 19. Call 655-0143. Cost is \$15 per person.

19 / Friday

EDGE Home School Art Program — In partnership with SB Arts & Crafts, come work on watercolor painting. Participants should be in 1st-12th grade. The two-day series is Sept. 19 and 26, for \$15 per series. Call 655-9818.

20 / Saturday

CYS National Day for Kids — Join this celebration for kids from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the SB School Age Center. The event is open to military children and youth of all ages and features free food, bouncers, live DJ, games and a SKIES Expo with demonstrations. Call 655-5314.

24 / Wednesday

Teen Manga Club — If you’re a teen that’s interested in manga, Sgt. Yano Library is the place to be, Sept. 24. Join the free, semimonthly meetings to improve your manga collection, share artwork and other activities. Call 655-8002.

Ongoing

Workweek Lunch — Enjoy lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for only \$10.95 per person at SB’s Kolekole Bar & Grill and FS’s Mulligan’s Bar & Grill. Order off the menu or help yourself to the delectable, multi-item buffet. Call 655-4466 (SB) or 438-1974 (FS). View current specials at www.himwr.com/dining/kolekole-bar-a-grill/kolekole-lunch-buffet and www.himwr.com/dining/hale-ikena/hale-ikena-lunch-buffet-menu.

community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

13 / Saturday

UH v. Northern Iowa — The University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors face Northern Iowa at 6 p.m. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets online (www.HawaiiAthletics.com) or by phone (944-2697). The swap meet will not be in operation on game day, but will open at 6:30 a.m., Sunday. The upper/lower Halawa parking lot (Gates 3 and 4) will open at 1 p.m.; all other lots open at 2 p.m.

Aloha Festival: Keiki — Pearlridge Center celebrates Aloha Festival: Keiki Ho’olaulea with a wide variety of free activities, demonstrations, arts and crafts and continuous stage performances from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

16 / Tuesday

Family Night — The Chaplain’s Family Night Kick-Off is next week: •5:30-7:30 p.m., both locations; •16 Sept., South, AMR Chapel, and •17 Sept., North, at Main Chapel. Dinner, outreach classes, workshops and support groups provided.

No fees. Call 839-4319 or 655-1450.

Job Quest Fair — The Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall hosts a job fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 777 Ward Ave., Honolulu. Call 768-5252.

Kuhio Hula — Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 6 p.m., at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound near the Duke Kahanamoku statue in Waikiki. Seating is on the grass; bring beach chairs and mats. Photos welcomed.

19 / Friday

Glass, Art and Bead Festival — Ward Warehouse, located at 1050 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, will host this festival from Sept. 19-21. About 25 exhibitors will display beads, gemstones, findings, collectible glass art and jewelry. Admission and parking are free.

20 / Saturday

Waikiki Ho’olaulea — Celebrating its 62nd year, from 7-11 p.m. The largest block party will kick off with the arrival of the Royal Court in Waikiki, on Kalakaua Avenue between Lewers and Kapahulu Avenue. Multiple stages of entertainment, lots of food, lei vendors and Hawaiian crafters will be spread along the world famous Kalakaua Avenue. Ad-

mission is free.

Fish and Dive — This expo runs at the Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall, 3-7 p.m., Saturday, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, at 777 Ward Ave. Visit www.blaisdellcenter.com/ai1ec_event/hawaii-fish-dive-expo or call 768-5252.

26 / Friday

Mary Poppins — Diamond Head Theatre celebrates the opening of its 100th season with this beloved family story. Performances are Sept. 26-Oct. 19, Thursdays-Sundays. Call 733-0274 to charge by phone or purchase tickets online at www.diamondheadtheatre.com.

27 / Saturday

Blue Angels — Tickets are on sale now for the “Wings Over the Pacific” air show, Sept. 27-28, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Discounted tickets for military are available at all MWR ticket offices while supplies last. Military-discounted tickets will not be available for purchase online. Visit JBPHH MWR’s website at www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Take Back Day — The Army in Hawaii is supporting National Prescription Take Back Day, Sept. 27, in commitment to a drug-free community. All may turn in unused or expired prescriptions for proper disposal.

Locations include the Schofield Barracks Post Exchange (PX), at the main lobby, near the flower shop, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 27. This event is free and anonymous.

Aloha Festival Parade — A colorful equestrian procession of pau (long-skirted) riders, exquisite floats with cascades of Hawaiian flowers, hula halau, marching bands and dignitaries will enliven Kalakaua Avenue during the Aloha Festivals parade, 9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 27. The parade route is from Ala Moana Park to Kapiolani Park. Visit www.alohafestivals.com.

28 / Sunday

Gold Star Mothers — The U.S. honors and expresses its gratitude to Gold Star mothers who have lost a son or daughter in service to the nation. The community is invited to join Gold Star mothers and families of the fallen, 11:30 a.m., Sept. 28, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, or Punchbowl.

Mothers and family members who have lost military loved ones will place boots of the fallen and a lei of honor and remembrance at the foot of Lady Columbia. Call 438-9285.

Honolulu Century Ride

— This event is 6 a.m.-5 p.m. beginning/ending at Kapiolani Park. Visit www.hbl.org/honolulucenturyride; call 735-5756.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
•Sunday services:
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
- 11 a.m. at TAMC
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

•Sunday, noon. at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship

•Sunday Services
-8:45 a.m. at MPC
-9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
-10 a.m. at HMR
-10:30 a.m. at AMR
-10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
-11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)
•Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the MOVIES

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under reeltime movie listing.



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

(PG-13)
Fri., Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 13, 2 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 14, 2 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey

(PG)
Sat., Sept. 13, 6 p.m.



Into The Storm

(PG-13)
Thurs., Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Let’s Be Cops

(R)
Fri., Sept. 19, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

Recreation
FRG: Family Readiness Group
FS: Fort Shafter
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
PFC: Physical Fitness Center
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Hale Kula librarian honored

JAN IWASE
Principal, Hale Kula Elementary School

The Scholastic and School Library Journal announced the School Librarian of the Year award, Sept. 3.

More than 90 applicants from around the country were nominated, and Hale Kula Elementary School’s library media specialist, Michelle Colte, was selected as the winner of this prestigious award.

Nominees for this inaugural award demonstrate the use of 21st century tools to engage students in multiple literacies, something Colte has done since she arrived at Hale Kula nine years ago.

From the beginning, she engaged students and teachers in hands-on exploration, discovery and sharing, and invited the community to become an integral part of literacy at the school.

Under Colte’s leadership, the library has been transformed into an exciting place for learning, whether she is sharing new books or literacy strategies, teaching students to use Minecraft to build a community, getting students started on a Web page to share their projects, connecting with classrooms globally or scheduling Soldiers to read to students.

About 99 percent of Hale Kula’s students are military dependents, and families experience unique challenges related to transitions, deployments and being so far from home.

Colte invites families to become part of the ohana by making sure the library is a welcoming place for all. Authors, artists, musi-

cians, storytellers and other community members have entertained and educated the Hale Kula families.

She encourages parents to volunteer and plans fabulous Family Book Fair events with hands-on learning activities that parents can replicate at home with their own children.

The school library Web page hosts a wealth of resources, books, student projects and activities, which families can access 24-7. In fact, during Computer Education Week, last year, a record number of students and their families accessed the library Web page because they were so excited about continuing their coding activities.

Colte exemplifies the definition of “lifelong learner” and constantly shares with her colleagues. She has presented at numerous conferences, here, and on the mainland. Additionally, she hosts Hale Kula Tech Tip Tuesdays and co-founded Ed Tech Mixed Plate and Ed-Chat Hawaii, professional learning opportunities for educators to share and learn from each other virtually.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, State Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi and Complex Area Superintendent John Brummel presented Colte with her award. In addition to a plaque, she received \$2,500 cash and \$2,500 in materials from Scholastic.

Matayoshi shared, “Michelle’s work in transforming the job of the school librarian is really important and makes the position not only relevant but crucial for ... 21st learning skills.”



Colte

Driver’s Ed evolves before us

“Mom?! Where r u?!” my daughter texted at the end of her first Driver’s Ed class.

I pulled up to the community college parking lot 10 minutes late, thanks to a long line at the commissary, only to find Anna standing there with three other teens, looking mortified.

“O-M-G Mom! What took you so long?” she said, hurriedly hopping into our old minivan.

“Never-mind that, so how was Driver’s Ed?” I asked.

“Re-Donk! I’m going to die if I have to sit in that class all week. It is so boring. ... All he talked about was how to hold a steering wheel. Eight hours of hand over hand? ... Like, seriously?”

“Well, I’m sure the material will get more complex as the week progresses, and besides, the other kids in the class looked nice,” I offered in a feeble attempt to retrieve Anna from her free-fall into an abyss of negativity.

I was worried. But this was the last summer session of Driver’s Ed before the start of the school year, so Anna had no choice but to go.

In the days that followed, Anna became more entrenched in the micro-society that was developing out of her Driver’s Ed class.

Having identified the teacher as their common enemy, the teen captives formed an underground alliance, hell bent on graduating and getting the heck outta there.

At four-o-clock every day, while I waited for Anna to be released from class, I would see the Driver’s Ed teacher, with a permanent smirk on his face, saunter out of the building toward his nondescript gold sedan. Clearly, he saw himself as a sort of celebrity amongst the Driver’s Ed students.

Every day on our drive home, Anna would report what had happened in class. The first couple of days, she ranted about excruciating boredom, but things heated up mid-week,



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when at lunch, one of the girls admitted her romantic interest in one of the boys. The sophomoric revelation was welcome relief from the daily tedium.

“Werr is u, Boo?” I texted Anna from the parking lot on the last day of class.

I got no response, but a few minutes later, the teens came streaming out of the community college entrance with their final test results in hand.

I realized that, although they had initially defined each other in the simplest terms — The Dweeb, The Cutter, The Teen Mom, The Dumb Jocks, The Awkward Girls, The Boys with High Hats, and our daughter, The Goofy Military Kid — these teens discovered they shared a common goal. By accepting their suffering and each other, they found what they were looking for in the first place: their freedom.



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Driver’s ed transforms students.

8th TSC celebrates junior enlisted

Organizational Day celebrates troops

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The streets rumbled as hundreds of motivated junior enlisted troops, specialists and below, from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command, kicked off a day dedicated to them with a massive noncommissioned officer-free formation run, here, Sept. 5.

The day was designed to recognize and reward the contributions these troops make to their commands and the Army, by trusting them to completely lead their own run and then share an organizational day together, while their NCOs covered their normal daily missions.



Soldiers, from the ranks of private to specialist, from 8th Theater Sustainment Command, conduct a junior enlisted resiliency run as part of an organizational day at Hamilton Field, here, Sept. 5.

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Tobin, senior enlisted leader for 8th TSC, had previously gathered all the junior enlisted troops for a mass open-forum discussion, and Pvt. 1st Class Ja’ Tez Hudson, a logistics specialist with 40th Quarter Master Company, 524th Combat Sust. Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Bde., stood up and said that all the junior Soldiers needed a day off for all of the hard work they have been doing all year.

The run and organizational day was Tobin’s answer, and he made Hudson the acting command sergeant major of the formation, which included troops from 8th Special Troops Bn., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th Military Police Bde. and 130th Engineer Bde. units.

“With September being National Suicide Awareness Month, this was also a great time for us to come together and focus on resiliency,” Hudson said. “It’s all about enhancing resiliency ... about bringing us all together so that Soldiers know they have battles (buddies) that care about them, so they know they can talk to them or their leaders.”

Hudson said his goal was to incorporate resiliency throughout the day, and he said the day “gives you the mind-set of how to be a leader, so it’s a pretty good experience.”

The Hawaii Sgt. Audie Murphy Club supported the day, too, by providing tents, food and refreshments as the troops played flag football, basketball, Frisbee and had shared lunch together.

“I just want to thank everyone that helped me put it together,” said Hudson. “Command Sgt. Maj. Tobin, of course, for giving us the opportunity as junior enlisted Soldiers to have our reward for all of the hard work that we’ve done this year.”



Triad moves into Week 15

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How have you been progressing with the Performance Triad challenge. Have you been monitoring your sleep, activity and nutrition habits?

Sleep Goal
Avoid drinking alcohol before bed. Alcohol initially makes you feel sleepy, but disrupts and lightens your sleep several hours later.



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Activity Goal
Aim to walk 10,000 steps during your daily routine. Use a personal fitness device, a smartphone app or pedometer to count your steps.

Walks of 10,000 steps help improve health.

Nutrition Goal
Check your empty calorie intake. Empty calories are foods with added calories from sugars, solid fats and alcohol. These foods quickly use up your calorie allowance and fail to provide your body with the required nutrients.

Learn more about food options
Visit www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/empty-calories_count_table.html.